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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S VISIT TO MADRID

1. DURING MY CALL FEB. 2 ON UNDER SECRETARY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOLANO ON OTHER MATTERS (SEPTELS),
I ASKED HIM WHAT HE COULD TELL ME ABOUT THE QUOTE
PRIVATE UNQUOTE VISIT OF KING HASSAN TO MADRID
THE EAST WEEKEND.

2. SOLANO SAID THAT THE VISIT HAD GONE VERY WELL
AND HAD BEEN POSITIVE IN TERMS OF THE RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO. HE ASSUMED THIS VISIT
WOULD GIVE SOME PAUSE TO THE ALGERIANS IN TERMS OF
SPANISH-ALGERIAN RELATIONS AND IF THIS WAS THE CASE,
THAT WAS WHAT WAS INTENDED.

3. REGARDING THE VISIT ITSELF, THE FIRST MEETING
BETWEEN THE TWO KINGS HAD ENABLED KING HASSAN TO
EXPAND PHILOSOPHICALLY ON THE DIVINE RIGHT OF
KINGS AND ON COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STRUCTURES OF
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THIS HAD NOT BEEN A PARTICULARLY
MEANINGFUL SESSION. IN THE SUBSEQUENT SESSION,
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HASSAN HAD BEEN AT HIS BEST AS HE GAVE A REASONABLE
AND VERY WELL INFORMED BRIEFING AS TO HOW MOROCCO
VIEWED AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST SITUATIONS. THE
SPANISH HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIS OVERALL GRASP
AND BY THE REALISM WITH WHICH HE VIEWED EXISTING
PROBLEMS.

4. ACCORDING TO SOLANO, HASSAN WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A DISCUSSION OF PENDING BILATERAL MATTERS. HASSAN THOUGHT THAT THE SAHARA PROBLEM WAS BASICALLY ALREADY RESOLVED WITH SELF-DETERMINATION HAVING IN FACT BEEN CARRIED OUT AND THAT THE PRESENT TENSIONS WERE OF A PASSING NATURE. HE FULLY ACCEPTED THAT THE CANARY ISLANDS WERE SPANISH AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM FURTHER. HASSAN ALSO INDICATED THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS VISIT HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF CEUTA AND MELILLA. THIS WAS A MATTER WHICH COULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED AT SOME LATER DATE. HASSAN ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE FISHING TREATY BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND IT WAS UP TO THE GOS TO DEAL WITH CORTES RATIFICATION. STABLER

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